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MEMBERS OF YOUR LIFE MATTERS TASK FORCE ANNOUNCED

INDIANAPOLIS – Co-Chairs Tanya Bell, President & CEO of Indiana Black Expo, and Jamal Smith, Executive Director of the Indiana Civil Rights Commission announced today the 14 members of the newly-formed Your Life Matters Task Force.

“The task force includes a diverse group of distinguished community and business leaders who will be key partners in continuing our efforts to increase safety and improve the quality of life in this city,” says Mayor Greg Ballard. “We thank these leaders for their willingness to serve and contribute their considerable experience to this important issue.”

The bi-partisan Your Life Matters (YLM) Task Force will research and review targeted evidence-based models in Indianapolis and other cities that break down barriers to success and help African-American men achieve their professional, educational and personal goals. The task force will conduct their first meeting on Wednesday, June 18, 2014, at 7:30 AM at the Indiana Black Expo headquarters. A report with findings and recommendations to Mayor Ballard is expected by late October.

YOUR LIFE MATTERS TASK FORCE MEMBERS:

Tanya Bell, President & CEO, Indiana Black Expo, Inc. – Co-Chair
Jamal Smith, Executive Director, Indiana Civil Rights Commission – Co-Chair
Michelle Gough McKeown, General Counsel, Center for Education and Career Innovation
Greg Taylor, Senator, State of Indiana
Michael Huber, President, Indy Chamber
Pastor James Jackson, Fervent Prayer Church
Ontay Johnson, Executive Director, 100 Black Men of Indianapolis
Darcey Palmer-Shultz, CEO, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana
Judge Marilyn Moores, Juvenile Court Judge
Steve Quick, President, AFSCME (Local 725)
Frankye E. Johnson, President, Black Social Workers of Indianapolis
Sam Odle, former United Way Chairman, and Executive VP and COO, IU Health
Steve Jefferson, Crimebeat Reporter, WTHR - Channel 13
Rafael Sanchez, Consumer Reporter and Investigator, WRTV - Channel 6
Pat Roe, Senior Program Officer and Special Assistant to the President, USA Funds
Martha Lamkin, Founding CEO, Lumina Foundation

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